

## Response

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A rug having an underside surface detachably attached ~~attachable~~ to and in direct contact with a step, said rug comprising in combination:
  - a) a bendable layer of material;
  - b) one of a first hook fastener and a first loop fastener secured to said underside surface;
  - c) one of a second hook fastener and a second loop fastener secured to said underside surface;
  - d) another of said first hook fastener and said first loop fastener in adapted for direct attachment with ~~with~~ ~~to~~ the step;
  - e) another of said second hook fastener and said second loop fastener in adapted for direct attachment with ~~with~~ ~~to~~ the riser;
  - f) at least one of a first female snap lock and a first male snap lock secured to said underside surface and extending from said underside surface of said rug;
  - g) at least one of a second female snap lock and a second male snap lock secured to said underside surface and extending from said underside surface of said rug;